COSFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

WEST SUFFOLK

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year

1965

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Municipal Offices,
Belle Vue,
Sudbury,
Suffolk.

Sudbury 2855 or 2331 during office
hours and 2664 after office hours.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Cosford Rural District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual report of the Public Health Services, for the year 1965.

Anthrax, Salmonellosis and brucellosis are diseases of importance to the farming community and of considerable significance in public health. Certain groups of the community notably veterinary practitioners, are seriously at risk from the disabling disease of brucellosis, and I trust that adequate measures for control will be introduced in this Country. I would like to record my appreciation of the help and co-operation given to me by the veterinary profession, both local practitioners and those of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on many occasions.

I am grateful to Mr. F.G.W. Letts, J.P., The Chairman and the Members of the Council; Mr. E.J. Hart, The Chairman and the Members of the Public Health Committee for their consideration to me. I wish to thank also Mr. C.A. Durrant, The Clerk to the Council, Mr. J.D. Hackford, The Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector and all other Members of the Council staff for their help and advice to me, during the year.

Your obedient servant,

E. KINNEAR,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY DURING 1965.

(a) Medical - Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

This officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments;

Medical Officer of Health - Borough of Sudbury.
Hadleigh U.D.C.
Melford R.D.C.
Thedwastre R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer)
School Medical Officer) West Suffolk County Council.

(b) Others - One Public Health Inspector,
J.D. Hackford, M.A.P.H.I., A.M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H.

Mr. Hackford is also Surveyor to the Council.

One Additional Public Health Inspector.
D.P. Carpenter, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor E.J. Hart - Chairman.

Councillor J.E.W. Ladbrook - Vice Chairman.

Councillors.

Mrs. C.N. McGeorge.	T.C. Clark.
Miss E.I. Derbyshire.	T.C. Dawson.
Miss G.R. Steed.	B.F. English.
Col. K.A. Crockatt.	F.H. Hodgkinson.
Col. B.J. Haworth.	F.G.W. Letts.
Lt. Col. G.F. St. C. Stockwell.	A.G.P. Powell.
H. Boyle.	L.E.A. Spraggins.
G.R. Armitage.	

Mr. F.G.W. Letts. - Chairman of the Council.
Mr. H. Boyle. - Vice-Chairman of the Council.
Mr. C.A. Durrant. - Clerk of the Council.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

General Statistics.

Area 48,530 acres.

Registrar General's estimate of the resident population.	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
	9,140	9,140	9,110	9,060	9,050

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year. (Figures in parentheses refer to the previous year.)

Live Births.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	124 (136)	65 (66)	59 (70)
Illegitimate.	8 (7)	3 (4)	5 (3)
Total.	132 (143)	68 (70)	64 (73)

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude)	14.4	(15.6)
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	16.8	(18.2)
Comparability factor.		1.17
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	18.0	(18.4)

Stillbirths.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	3 (4)	2 (-)	1 (4)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total.	3 (4)	2 (-)	1 (4)

Total Live & Stillbirths.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	127 (140)	67 (66)	60 (74)
Illegitimate.	8 (7)	3 (4)	5 (3)
Total.	135 (147)	70 (70)	65 (77)

Infant Mortality - Death of Infants under One Year of Age

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	- (2)	- (2)	- (-)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total.	- (2)	- (2)	- (-)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total live births	Nil	(13.9)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total live births (England & Wales)	19.0	(20.0)
Illegitimate birth rate (per cent of total live births)	5.9%	(4.9%)
Maternal deaths (including abortions)	Nil	(Nil)
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths.	Nil	(Nil

Deaths.

Total.	Male.	Female.
125 (141)	59 (73)	66 (68)

Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	13.6 (15.4)
Death rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	11.0 (12.6)
Comparability Factor.	0.81 (0.82)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	11.5 (11.3)

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Birth rate (adjusted)	15.3	14.6	15.8	18.2	18.2	16.8
Death rate (adjusted)	9.4	10.4	10.0	11.1	12.6	11.0
Infant Mortality rate.	15.0	Nil	7.9	7.0	13.9	Nil
Number of infant deaths.	2	Nil	1	1	2	Nil

The Following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1965. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
ALL CAUSES.	125 (141)	59 (73)	66 (68)
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
2. Tuberculosis, other.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
3. Syphilitic Disease.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
4. Diphtheria.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
5. Whooping Cough.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
6. Meiningococcal Infections.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
8. Measles.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
9. Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases.	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	4 (5)	1 (1)	3 (4)
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3 (4)	3 (4)	- (-)
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast	- (3)	- (-)	- (3)
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus.	2 (-)		2 (-)
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	18 (12)	8 (8)	10 (4)
15. Leukaemia aleukaemia.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
16. Diabetes.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	25 (25)	10 (12)	15 (13)
18. Coronary disease, angina.	14 (34)	10 (22)	4 (12)
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	2 (1)	1 (-)	1 (1)
20. Other heart disease.	21 (19)	8 (8)	13 (11)
21. Other Circulatory disease.	5 (5)	2 (3)	3 (2)
22. Influenza.	2 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
23. Pneumonia.	6 (6)	3 (4)	3 (2)
24. Bronchitis.	1 (9)	1 (6)	- (3)
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
26. Ulcer of stomach & Duodenum.	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
27. Gastritis, enteritis & Diarrhoea.	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
28. Nephritis & Nephrosis.	2 (1)	- (-)	2 (1)
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate.	2 (-)	2 (-)	
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	- (-)		- (-)
31. Congenital malformations.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	9 (8)	6 (3)	3 (5)
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
34. All other accidents.	3 (4)	1 (-)	2 (4)
35. Suicide.	1 (2)	- (-)	1 (2)
36. Homicide & [illegible]	(-)	(-)	(-)

Infectious Diseases.

Total.	Male.	Female.	
2 (1)	2 (1)	- (-)	1.6% (0.7%)

Neoplasms, all types.

Total.	Male.	Female.	
27 (24)	12 (13)	15 (11)	21.6% (17.0%)

Vascular diseases including strokes.

Total.	Male.	Female.	
67 (84)	31 (45)	36 (39)	53.6% (59.5%)

Respiratory diseases (excluding lung cancer.)

Total.	Male.	Female.	
10 (15)	5 (10)	5 (5)	8.0% (10.6%)

Accidents and Violence.

Total.	Male.	Female.	
5 (6)	1 (-)	4 (6)	4.0% (4.2%)

Age Distribution of Deaths.

	Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+
Male.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	14	33
Female.	-	-	-	1	-	2	5	8	11	39
Total.	-	-	-	1	-	2	8	17	25	72

The distribution of certain deaths by age groups.

Age groups.

		45 -	55 -	65 -	75 -
Cancer of womb.		1	1		
Cancer of lung	M		1	1	1
	F		-	-	-
Coronary Heart disease.	M	2	2	3	3
	F	1	-	1	2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory Service, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. J.M.S. Dixon, provides help and advice, always willingly given, on matters concerning bacteriology and epidemiology and the supply of vaccines and sera in special cases.

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

These services since July, 1953, have been provided directly by The County Council under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) Child Welfare Clinics.

The West Suffolk County Council holds child welfare clinics at the following centres in Cosford:-

Bildeston - Chapel School Room 1st Wednesday in each month.

Lavenham - Guildhall 2nd Tuesday in each month.

(e) National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection.

No proceedings were taken under this Section during the year.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the year:

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Scarlet Fever.	12 (2)	6 (1)	6 (1)
Measles.	152 (28)	88 (15)	64 (13)
Erysipelas.	2 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Whooping Cough.	14 (5)	7 (4)	7 (1)
Pneumonia (acute primary)	8 (6)	2 (5)	6 (1)
Food Poisoning.	3 (2)	1 (1)	2 (1)
Totals.	191 (43)	105 (26)	86 (17)

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY.

NEW CASES	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Pulmonary	2	2	0	3	4	1
Non-Pulmonary	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mortality.

During 1965 there was one death from respiratory tuberculosis.

The statistics indicate:

1. The estimated mid-year population was unchanged.
   The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 7.
2. The birthrate decreased slightly from 18.2 to 16.8 per 1,000; 11 fewer babies were born.
3. The illegitimate birthrate has increased slightly from 4.9% to 5.9%
4. I am pleased to report that there were no infant deaths.
5. There were 3 stillbirths.
6. The death rate went down again from 12.6 to 11.0 per 1,000
7. There were 3 male deaths from lung cancer, one fewer than last year.

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Area (acres)	48,530
Population - 1961 Census	9,050
Number of inhabited houses	3,503
Rateable Value (1st April, 1965)	£197,747
Sum represented by Penny Rate (1st April 1965)	£758

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STAFF

J. D. Hackford, M.A.P.H.I., A.M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H.
Incorporated Public Health Engineer,
Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector.

D. P. Carpenter, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.,
Additional Public Health Inspector and
Assistant Surveyor.

N. A. Shutes, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.,
Additional Public Health Inspector.

J. A. Andrews,
Housing Manager.

A. Hamlin,
Clerk of Works.

Miss J. Kersey,
General Clerk.

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The Cosford Rural District is typical of rural Suffolk and is situated about 10 miles South of Ipswich in what is often called the "Constable Country". It is almost exclusively agricultural in character with a few light industries in the larger villages only. The economy of the District is closely linked with the prosperity of the adjoining towns - Sudbury, Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, and Colchester - to which a large proportion of the population both male and female, travel to work.

The District, unspoiled by industry or excessive housing development, has been designated by the Planning Authority as an area of outstanding natural beauty, possessed of many buildings of special architectural interest and worthy of special control to safeguard the amenities of the countryside.

Currently, much interest is being taken locally in the proposed expansion of Ipswich. This will probably not directly affect the Cosford Rural District, but without a doubt the repercussions will be felt in pressure for the release of land for new housing development.

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the Rural District is served by a public water supply operated by the West Suffolk Water Board, Linden House, Kings Road, Bury St. Edmunds. (Tel No: Bury St. Edmunds 2261).

The supply serving the Cosford Rural District is derived from boreholes 400 feet deep in the chalk substrata at Semer where the fully automatic all electric pumping plant is capable of providing a supply of 700,000 gallons of water per day. All water is chlorinated at the pumping station to give a chlorine residual of 0.15 parts per million after which it is pumped to the Nedging Tye water tower from whence it is piped into the distribution mains.

A sample of water taken from the supply at the source before chlorination and submitted for chemical analysis was reported as follows:-

"The organic quality of this water is very good and the chemical analysis shows no signs of pollution. The water is hard, the total hardness being about 26° Clark, all but 5° of which is Temporary. (295 parts per million temporary hardness; 70 parts per million permanent hardness). The free carbonic acid content is low relatively to the hardness of the water which would not be expected to have any corrosive action on metals. The water contains a trace of iron, but this is wholly in solution when the sample was received and no deposit formed on standing. In our opinion this water is fit for drinking and general purposes.

The fluoride content is higher than the average for waters in the area and is not far removed from the figure of 1 part per million that is regarded as the optimum from the point of view of dental hygiene".

The following table shows the number of properties connected to the mains in each parish.

Parish	Total no. of houses	Population.	Houses connected to mains	Dependent of Public Standpipe	On Route but not connected	Not on Route of Mains.
Aldham	53	126	50	-	-	3
Bildeston	280	820	277	-	2	1
Boxford	286	775	272	4	-	10
Brent Eleigh	58	134	48	-	2	8
Brettenham	102	263	101	-	-	1
Chelsworth	54	151	49	-	3	2
Cockfield	259	712	237	-	12	10
Edwardstone	122	299	111	1	-	10
Elmsett	140	373	118	1	11	10
Groton	77	201	65	-	3	9
Hitcham	216	584	183	18	3	12
Kersey	152	373	146	-	-	6
Kettlebaston	26	59	21	-	-	5
Lavenham	591	1,317	573	10	1	7
Layham	141	390	109	-	10	22
Lindsey	61	143	51	4	2	4
Milden	48	129	48	-	-	-
Monks Eleigh	162	415	148	-	4	10
Nedging/Naughton	109	278	101	7	-	1
Polstead	228	561	199	2	6	21
Preston St. Mary	73	201	62	-	-	11
Semer	58	154	46	-	4	8
Thorpe Morieux	94	281	93	-	1	-
Wattisham	44	118	44	-	-	-
Whatfield	93	283	87	3	-	3
Total:	3,527	9,140	91.8%	1.4%	1.8%	5.0%

SEWERAGE and DRAINAGE

With the completion early in the year of the Layham sewerage scheme, six of the larger villages in the District are now sewered. Instructions have been given to the Council's Consulting Engineers for the preparation of schemes for the villages of Elmsett and Hitcham, the latter to include provision for discharging of the cesspool emptier for the effective and hygienic disposal of cesspool contents. Negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of a site at Elmsett suitable for use as sewage disposal works, and a similar stage has been reached in the Whatfield scheme which is under preparation by the Council's staff. Tenders are now being invited for enlargement of the Boxford sewage disposal works and the extension of the sewers to serve White Street Green, Calais Street, Groton and Edwardstone, and a start on this work is expected late in 1966.

Credit should be given to the maintenance staff for the efficient servicing of the disposal works. The effluent from the Bildeston and Lavenham sewage disposal works has been improved to satisfy River Board requirements by the installation in the humus tanks of upward flow clarifiers. At Bildeston in particular, the improvement in the quality of the effluent discharged is dramatic, and the final effluent from the Lavenham sewage disposal works is also much better.

The Council's housing estates are served by small sewage disposal works which are undergoing enlargement as improvement work on Council houses progresses. Our first experiment into the use of "packaged" sewage purification works is being carried out at Cockfield (Great Green) Housing site where an extended aeration unit is being installed to replace an obsolete and overloaded conventional works. "Polishing" of the effluent is to be carried out by means of sand filters designed by the Department and the blowers, which are apt to be a source of noise nuisance, will be sited in a small sound-insulated pumphouse.

With the current trend to speed up housing estate development the use of these prefabricated sewage disposal works is becoming increasingly popular and it will be interesting to see how easily these units are assembled and, in the future, dismantled for re-use elsewhere. Two estate developers have now received an indication that the Council will be prepared to take over and maintain extended aeration sewage purification units at private housing estates with suitable safeguards as to the after treatment of the tank effluent.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The refuse collection service covers the whole of the Rural District. Refuse is removed weekly from the three larger villages and at fortnightly intervals in the remaining 22 parishes. A kerbside system of collection is worked whereby householders are required to put dustbins at the kerb for collection except in the case of persons who are aged or infirm, when the dustbins are collected from the rear of the premises.

The service is operated by one 20 cu.yd. S & D fore-and-aft tipping refuse vehicle with a crew of three. A new Dennis "Paxit III A" 35 cu.yd. is on order for delivery in March 1966 when it is anticipated that a reorganisation of the service will take place to allow for a weekly collection throughout the District, utilising the existing S & D vehicle with a new crew.

Refuse is disposed of by means of tipping in a disused quarry within the Hadleigh Urban District. Control of the tip is the responsibility of the Hadleigh U.D.C., the cost being shared between the two Councils.

A pail closet emptying service operates in those parts of the District not served by a public sewer. The service is carried out at weekly intervals, under contract, by Messrs Tovey Transport Ltd, Cambridge.

A Cesspool-emptying service is operated by the Council utilising a 750 gallon "Dennis" cesspool emptier with a crew of two. One "free" emptying per house per annum is allowed, thereafter the service is charged for at the rate of 35/- per load. The machine is now 8 years old and I anticipate that a works overhaul will be necessary during the coming year.

During 1965, 932 loads were removed from 742 cesspools. In addition to this work, the cesspool emptier was employed on desluding of small housing site sewage works in the District and on similar work on hire to Hadleigh U.D.C.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING AND BUILDING BYELAWS

The Council has only limited delegated powers under the Town and Country Planning Acts and the County Council is the Planning Authority. All applications are considered by the Rural District Council Planning Committee whose recommendation is taken into consideration by the County Council. Contraversal applications are referred to the Sudbury Area Planning Committee which meets monthly. During 1965, 342 applications were made for planning consent; of these 248 were approved and 94 were refused. Some 147 acres of land within the District now have outstanding Planning consent for residential development. 260 applications were made for approval of plans under the Council's Building Byelaws, the majority of which were approved although in many cases the applicant's attention was drawn to contravention and the plan originally submitted amended before being formally considered. A considerable proportion of the time of the Departments Staff is necessarily spent on inspection of work in progress to ensure compliance with Byelaws. Details of applications, listed in Parish order, are shown in the table below.

Parish	Applications		Byelaws	
	Approved.	Refused.	Approved.	Refused.
Aldham	4	4	4	-
Bildeston	12	2	9	-
Boxford	17	12	20	-
Brent Eleigh	4	1	5	-
Brettenham	13	5	11	-
Chelsworth	4	1	4	-
Cockfield	16	6	17	-
Edwardstone	2	1	1	-
Elmsett	24	4	20	-
Groton	10	5	6	2
Hitcham	20	8	12	-
Kersey	10	1	15	1
Kettlebaston	2	4	-	-
Lavenham	39	9	33	1
Layham	8	1	25	-
Lindsey	1	1	3	-
Milden	4	3	4	1
Monks Eleigh	6	6	21	-
Nedging-with-Naughton	14	3	8	1
Polstead	16	9	14	-
Preston St. Mary	3	-	2	-
Semer	3	-	9	-
Thorpe Morieux	7	-	7	-
Wattisham	3	1	2	-
Whatfield	6	2	2	-

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Standard Grants

The number of applications for Standard Grants continues to rise steadily. Fifty applications were dealt with during the year as shown in the following table.

No. of applications.				No. of dwellings improved.	
Owner Occupiers	Tenanted Houses	Approved	Refused	Owner/ Occupier.	Tenanted houses
22	28	45	5	24	18

Total amount paid in Standard Grants £6220 0s. 0d.

Average grant per house improved £148 1s.10d.

Amenities provided:

(a)	fixed bath	36
(b)	shower	Nil
(c)	wash hand basin	37
(d)	hot water supply	36
(e)	watercloset	40
(f)	food store	29

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications approved		10
Number of applications refused		2
Number of dwellings improved	(a) Owner/occupier	11
	(b) Tenanted	16

Total amount paid in Discretionary Grants £9,857.

Average grant per house £365.

The following table shows the distribution of houses in the District and the proportion of Council owned houses.

	Total houses in Parish	Number of Council Houses	Post-war Council Houses			Houses acquired by Council and improved	Pre-war and emergency war houses	% of houses in Parish which are Council Houses
			Total	Built in 1965	Built in 1946-64			
Aldham	53	6	-	-	-	-	6	11%
Bildeston	280	120	97	-	97	-	23	43%
Boxford	286	63	44	-	44	-	19	22%
Brent Eleigh	58	17	6	-	6	-	11	29%
Brettenham	102	8	6	-	6	-	2	8%
Chelsworth	54	2	-	-	-	-	2	4%
Cockfield	259	60	40	-	40	-	20	23%
Edwardstone	122	24	12	-	12	-	12	20%
Elmsett	140	32	22	-	22	-	10	23%
Groton	77	12	-	-	-	-	12	16%
Hitcham	216	31	21	-	21	-	10	14%
Kersey	152	25	22	8	14	-	3	16%
Kettlebaston	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavenham	591	153	119	-	119	4	30	26%
Layham	141	16	16	-	16	-	-	11%
Lindsey	61	6	2	-	2	-	4	10%
Milden	48	6	4	-	4	-	2	12%
Monks Eleigh	162	22	16	-	16	-	6	13%
Nedging/Naughton	109	24	10	-	10	-	14	22%
Polstead	228	42	32	-	32	-	10	18%
Preston St.Mary	73	6	4	-	4	-	2	8%
Semer	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thorpe Morieux	94	14	8	-	8	-	6	15%
Wattisham	44	2	-	-	-	-	2	5%
Whatfield	93	43	24	-	24	-	19	46%
Total:	3527	734	505	8	497	4	225	21%

Private houses built post-war:-

1946-1964	1965	Total
264	40	304

Private Houses under construction at 31st December, 1965 - 116

Council Houses under construction at 31st December, 1965 - 42

Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	- Nil
Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	- Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	- Nil

Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957

Notices of "Time and Place" outstanding from year 1964	- 11 + 1 Informal.
Notices of "Time and Place" served	- 19 + 3 Informal.
L. A. Houses in respect of which a Certificate of Unfitness was issued by M.O.H.	- 19
Dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	- 11 + 2 Informal.
Dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings were accepted	- 17 + 2 Informal.
Notices of Time and Place outstanding	- 2
Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	- 2 + 2 Informal.
Houses demolished which were the subject of Closing Orders or undertaking	- 5
L. A. Houses demolished in pursuance of M.O.H. Certificate of Unfitness	- 10
Houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertaking	- 13

Proceedings under Sections 18, 19, and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	- Nil
Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	- Nil

Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas.	- Nil

Houses subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders and Undertaking Not to Relet subsequently made fit to the satisfaction of the Council:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were revoked	- 1
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings were cancelled after being made fit for habitation	- 1
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were removed after being made fit for habitation.	- 4

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936

Informal Notices outstanding 1st January, 1965	- 43
" " Served during 1965	- 24
" " complied with during 1965	- 54
" " outstanding 31st December, 1965	- 13
Statutory Notices outstanding 1st January, 1965	- Nil
" " served during 1965	- 89
" " complied with during 1965	- 11
" " outstanding 31st December, 1965	- 78

SWIMMING BATHS

There is no public swimming bath within the Cosford Rural or Hadleigh Urban Districts. An open air public swimming pool (unheated) is available at Sudbury and heated indoor pools at Ipswich. A small open air "Purley" pool is provided at Monks Eleigh Primary School, and a larger covered pool is provided at Boxford Primary School, both of which are used solely for educational purposes. In both cases, the water is circulated filtered and chlorinated and samples are taken from time-to-time to ensure bacterial purity. All samples taken were reported "Satisfactory".

SCHOOLS

There are ten village schools in the District and all are supplied with water from the Council's mains. The schools at Bildeston, Boxford, Lavenham Kersey and Monks Eleigh, have water-closets connected to the public sewers. The schools at Cockfield and Polstead have water-closets connected to cesspools. The remaining schools at Elmsett, Hitcham, and Whatfield still have ELSAN closets. The facilities at some of the smaller schools where school meals are prepared or served are inadequate and there is considerable scope for improvement.

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTION

Milk Supply

All milk sold in the District is "Sterilised" "Pasteurised" or "Tuberculin-Tested (Pasteurised)". One milk distributor operates from premises at Boxford, but no loose milk is handled.

Ice Cream

No premises are registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

34 premises are registered for the sale only of pre-packed ice cream.

Mobile vans operate in the District but are based outside it. These are inspected from time to time but, in general, give little cause for complaint.

Slaughter houses and Meat Inspection

The only licensed slaughter house in the District is owned by Mr. C. Knewell, Boxford. The premises have been reconstructed and comply with Regulations. Regular slaughtering is not carried out, but every endeavour is made to ensure that all carcases are inspected. The license for this slaughterhouse expired on 31st December, 1965 and has not been renewed. No slaughtering has taken place since that date. The remaining butchers in the District obtain their supplies from meat wholesalers.

The following animals were slaughtered during the year.

Cattle (excluding Cows).	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
1	-	-	-	21

Meat condemned

4 Pigs livers	Necrosis
1 Pigs head	Tuberculosis
1 Pigs pluck	Tuberculosis

The food premises in the District are listed as follows:-

Hotels and licensed premises	- 40
Restaurants	- 2
Grocers	- 32
Confectioners	- 7
Butchers	- 7
Fishmongers	- 2
Dairies	- 2
Greengrocers	- 5
Bakers	- 3
Fried fish shops	- 1

The following premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act:-

Manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	- 9
Manufacture of ice crean	- Nil
Sale of ice cream	- 34

Regular routine visits are carried out to food premises and various minor contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations have been remedied after discussion with the occupiers. No legal proceedings were instituted.

CARAVAN SITES and MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The following licenses under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1961, were in force during the year:-

Individual	caravans	-	22
2	caravans	-	1
3	caravans	-	1
6	caravans	-	1
20	caravans	-	1
24	caravans	-	1

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RODENT CONTROL

The work of the Rodent Operative is indicated in the following table:-

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949
Report for Year ended 31st December, 1965

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Cl. houses)	All other Premises	Total of previous columns	Agricultural
No. of properties in L.A's District	28	3481	340	3849	299
No. of properties inspected as a result of Notification.	-	243	20	263	9
No. of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat Major	-	3	-	3	4
Common rat Minor	-	175	12	187	2
Ship rat	-	-	-	-	-
Hse. mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Hse. mouse Minor	-	7	2	9	-
No. of properties inspected in the course of Survey	-	-	-	-	-
No. of properties otherwise inspected (visited primarily for some other purpose)	28	Not recorded		28	Not recorded
No. of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat Major	1	-	-	1	-
Common rat Minor	8	-	-	8	-
Ship rat	-	-	-	-	-
House mouse	-	-	-	-	-
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	Figures not available.				
No. of infested properties (in Section II, III & IV) treated by the Operator.	13	167	14	181	6

One part-time Rodent Operator is employed to carry out all treatment at private, business and agricultural premises, and at sewage works, tips and other Council-owned properties, as directed. Treatment at domestic premises is carried out free of charge; business and agricultural treatments are carried out on a "Time and materials" charge. The same Operator also carried out treatments within the Hadleigh Urban District on a rechargeable basis. No treatments are carried out under Contract. "Warfarin" rat poison is used exclusively in order to ensure maximum safeguard against accidents caused by ingestion by animals other than rats.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

Premises	No. on Register	Inspec-tions.	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	5	7	Nil	Nil
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	31	17	1	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals:	36	24	1	Nil

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered	Number of Registered Premises Inspected.
Offices	3	-
Retail Shops	16	13
Wholesale shops	1	-
Catering establishments	1	1
Fuel storage depots	-	-
Totals:	21	14

December, 1966.